

**MINUTES OF THE CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, August 11, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Cascade Branch of the Kent District Library, Wisner Center
2870 Jacksmith, S.E.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Goldberg, Koessel, Lewis, Fox, Treasurer Peirce.
Absent: Clerk Goodyke (excused)
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Planning Director Peterson, Deputy Clerk Biegalle, Deputy Assessor McCarty and those listed on Supplement #1.
- Article 2.** Supervisor Beahan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Article 3.** Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 4.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**
a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 7/14/10 and 7/28/10.
b. Receive and File Communications
1. Letter from Comcast – re: Comcast Customer Guarantee
2. Letter from Charter – re: Channel Lineup Change
c. Receive and File Various Reports
1. Treasurers Report for June, 2010.
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 5.** **Financial Actions**
a. **Consider Approval of July, 2010 General/Special Funds.**
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the July, 2010 General/Special Funds. Motion carried.
b. **Consider Approval of July, 2010 Public Utilities Funds.**
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the July, 2010 Public Utilities Funds. Motion carried.
c. **Consider Approval of July, 2010 Payables, Payroll and Transfers.**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the July, 2010 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion carried.
d. **Consider Approval of Pay Draw #2 for the 28th St./I-96 DDA Streetscape Project.**
Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve Pay Draw #2 for the 28th St./I-96 DDA Streetscape Project. Motion carried.
- Article 6.** **Public Actions**
a. **Report from the Community Services Officer.**
Officer Julie Vogelzang reported on what had been going on in the area the last couple of weeks.
b. **Relay for Life of Forest Hills 2010 Thank you for support.**
Manager Cousins presented the Board with a Certificate of Appreciation from the American Cancer Society for the generous support and sponsorship of the Relay for Life of Forest Hills 2010.

- c. **Public Hearing – Request for Approval of IFT District for Cascade Engineering Inc. for 3400 Innovation Ct.**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to adjourn the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Motion carried. Deputy Assessor McCarty was present to review the request from Cascade Engineering. Mr. McCarty stated that the request is to just establish a district. Cascade Engineering Inc. has applied for an Act 328 Exemption of Personal Property for two locations in Cascade Township. To qualify for an Act 328 exemption, a property must be in an eligible district such as an Industrial Development District. As part of the Act 328 approval process we must first establish an Industrial Development District for the parcel. Discussion followed.
Mr. Don Zerial, 7377 Cascade Terrace was present to address the Board regarding his issues with Cascade Engineering in general.
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Goldberg to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried.
- d. **Public Hearing – Request for Approval of Act 328 Exemption of New Personal Property Certificate for Cascade Engineering Inc. for 3400 Innovation Ct. and 5041 36th St.**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to go into public hearing and keep it open until all public hearing items are finished. Motion carried. Deputy Assessor McCarty reviewed the request for an Act 328 Exemption for Cascade Engineering Inc. Cascade Engineering Inc. has been awarded a MEGA grant from the State of Michigan. A requirement for obtaining the grant is obtaining an Act 328 of 1998 Exemption of New Personal Property for the new equipment to be purchased for the project from Cascade Township. The project is for new furniture, computers and equipment. Presently they have 414 employees and with this project up to 183 new jobs potentially will be created. The minimum number is 25. Discussion followed.
Mr. Don Zerial, 7377 Cascade Terrace was present to address the Board regarding his issues with Cascade Engineering in general.
- e. **Public Hearing – Request for Final Approval for an Amendment to Add a New Office/Health Club at southern terminus of Gailbraith.**
Planning Director Peterson reviewed the request from Watermark to add a new office/health club. Mr. Peterson stated that the PUD Amendment is necessary in order to allow another building in the project. The Planning Commission has recommended approval of the PUD changes, within the condition that the applicant supply an updated site plan to show the location of the ground sign and directional sign so it can be included in the PUD Ordinance. Discussion followed.
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to close the public hearing and reconvene into regular session . Motion carried.

Article 7. Public Comments

Mike McNeil, 1570 Bridgewater Ct. was present to inquire about our Burning Ordinance regarding some health concerns.
Julie Johnson , 6718 Burton S.E., brought up several issues regarding Burton St. and the Cascade Burton Park.
Don Zerial, 7377 Cascade Terrace was present to discuss some global issues.
Joanne King, 6820 Burton was present to discuss the Cascade Burton Park.

Jeff Klapp, 6650 Burton St., addressed the Board regarding the proposed Burton St. pathway.

Article 8. Unfinished Business

Article 9. New Business

073-2010 Request for Approval of IFT District for Cascade Engineering Inc. for 3400 Innovation Ct.

Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the IFT District for Cascade Engineering Inc. for 3400 Innovation Ct. Motion carried by roll call vote.

074-2010 Request for Approval of Act 328 Exemption of New Personal Property Certificate for Cascade Engineering Inc. for 3400 Innovation Ct. and 5041 36th St.

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Act 328 Exemption of New Personal Property Certificate for Cascade Engineering Inc. for 3400 Innovation Ct. and 5041 36th St. Motion carried by roll call vote.

075-2010 Request for Final Approval for an Amendment to Add a New Office/Health Club at southern terminus of Gailbraith.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #10 of 1997, the Forest Hills Golf Course/Watermark Condominiums PUD to Add a New Office/Health Club. Motion carried by roll call vote.

076-2010 Consider Approval of the Burton St. Park Pathway Plan on North side of Burton St.

Planning Director Peterson presented the two options for the pathway plan on the north side of Burton St. Option A is in the road right-of-way and Option B is a pathway mostly in an easement on the church property. Planning Director Peterson stated that the preferred method is the pathway in the easement (Option B). This is the pathway that was approved as a part of the Burton St Park Plan.

Township Engineer Mike Berrevoets from FTC&H explained the two proposed pavement options for the pathway were 1) a porous pavement or 2) asphalt.

Staff is recommending that we pursue Option B and authorize the Township Engineer to prepare bidding documents. If approved now, bids will be ready for the Board's review in September.

Planning Director Peterson also stated that the church has seen the plans and agreed to give the Township an easement. Both plans will require cutting trees but the preferred plan saves a significant number of trees from being cut. We are also working with arborist, Tom Junio, to assist in developing specifications for proper tree removal and to protect the trees that are planned to remain.

Supervisor Beahan opened discussion up with the public in attendance. Marybeth Bolt, 6630 Deadham Ct. offered the following:

- Why are we looking at just paved surfaces
- We are jumping the gun if there are 5 or 6 parcels that are going to be sold and possibly those homeowners may be taking down more trees

- Need to look at age of trees and how many hundreds of years it takes to have Oak trees grow to the size of the trees that are on Burton. This is just criminal to go ahead and do this so prematurely before we find out what is going to happen with those parcels.

Joanne King, 6820 Burton St. offered the following:

- Did the township get a price for wood chips also.
- When the path goes in will it be a straight shot or is it going to meander around the trees.

Jeff Klapp, 6650 Burton St. offered the following:

- Would encourage to obtain grading easements from the church
- I am a registered civil engineer in the State for about 35 years
- Have never seen a porous pavement being used in a non-motorized trail

Jim Johnson, 6718 Burton St. offered the following:

- Asked that the Board “tread lightly”...”spend cheaply”.
- Wood chips are a whole lot cheaper and a less disturbance to the woods and the beauty that is Burton St.
- At this time we are asking “don’t grade” because grading means “clear cutting”. Grading means interfering with the natural contours of the earth.
- I think wood chips is what belongs there...if you need to put a path thru the woods.

Steve Tedhams, 6750 Burton, offered the following:

- Asked about the paths that we were “brush hogging” in the park, were they going to get snow plowed.

Julie Johnson, 6718 Burton St., offered the following:

- Glad you’re talking about wood chips
- Stakes are not near as impressive visually for what really is going to happen.
- People don’t understand about the grading, about how much we are going to lose.

Bob Worchester, 5283 Whitneyville Rd. offered the following:

- Should be wheel chair accessible (personal opinion)
- We are working with the Township regarding the curb cuts. (church opinion)
- Do not want to lose any “sellability” of those lots
- In favor of Option B with the church giving easement to the Township.
- Also concerned about trees.

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Fox to approve Option B (pathway in the easement). Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding a wood chip pathway vs. an asphalt pathway.

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Treasurer Peirce that the pathway be initiated by the use of wood chips.

Discussion followed.

Ayes – 3 (Lewis, Peirce, Koessel) Nays – 3(Fox, Beahan, Goldberg)

Absent – 1 (Goodyke)

Motion failed.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to proceed with the path as a porous surface subject to the Township Engineer verifying it has been used in a similar application successfully

in similar applications; if unable to verify that, for any reason, then blacktop would be the pathway choice.

Ayes – 4(Goldberg, Fox, Beahan, Koessel) Nays – 2(Peirce, Lewis)

Absent – 1 (Goodyke)

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to use the services of an Arborist on the project. Motion carried.

077-2010 Consider Approval of Resolution to Provide for the Designation of September 17, 2010 as “Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day.”

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Resolution to Provide for the Designation of September 17, 2010 as “Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day.” Motion carried by roll call vote.

078-2010 Consider Approval of Transfer of Ownership of Gippers Restaurant’s Liquor License.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Transfer of Ownership of Gippers Restaurant’s Liquor License. Motion carried by roll call vote.

079-2010 Consider Approval of MERS Officer Certification.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the MERS Officer Certification as Officer Delegate William Cousins and Officer Alternate Denise M. Biegalle. Motion carried.

Article 10. Manager’s Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Pathway repairs are underway
- Complaints about noise near Thornapple River Dr. and the Camel Back Bridge. Extended thanks to the East Precinct for their help in this situation.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Thanks for cutting the bushes down on Thornapple River Dr.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- It is not a 6-0 vote there is a dissension vote of this Board, I think this is a healthy situation that we don’t have everybody agree all the time. I think that if we agree to disagree that is OK. Do appreciate the results, I certainly live with that.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- Delinquent taxes are down to \$18,000.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Thursday night is Art in the Park at Tassel Park.
- Opening of Peace Park on September 11, 2010.

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Koessel to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor